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The Household Pie

Married couples were nearly three-quarters of all U.S. households in 1970. By 1990, their share had eroded to less than 60 percent.

Household Type	Percent of All Households		
	1970	1990	Change 1970-1990
Dual-earner married couples with children	20%	19%	-1
Other married couples with children	21	8	-13
Childless married couples with householders under age 45	6	7	1
Childless married couples with householders aged 45 to 64	15	13	-2
Childless married couples with householders aged 65 or older	9	9	0
Single parents	6	9	3
Childless singles under age 45	3	9	6
Childless singles aged 45 or older	14	16	2
Other multiple-member (shared households)	6	10	4

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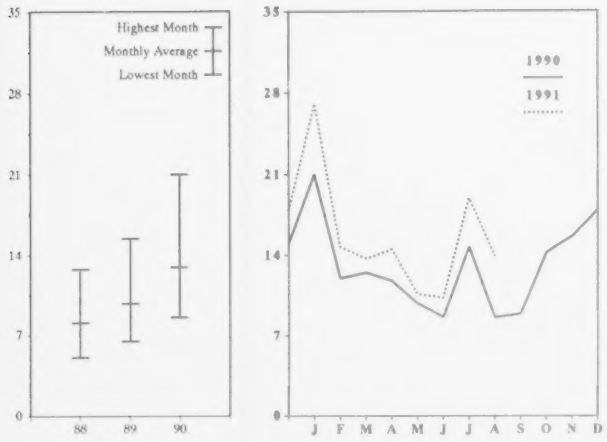
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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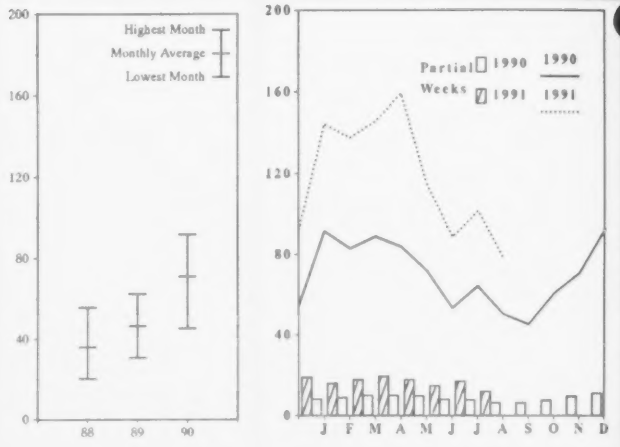
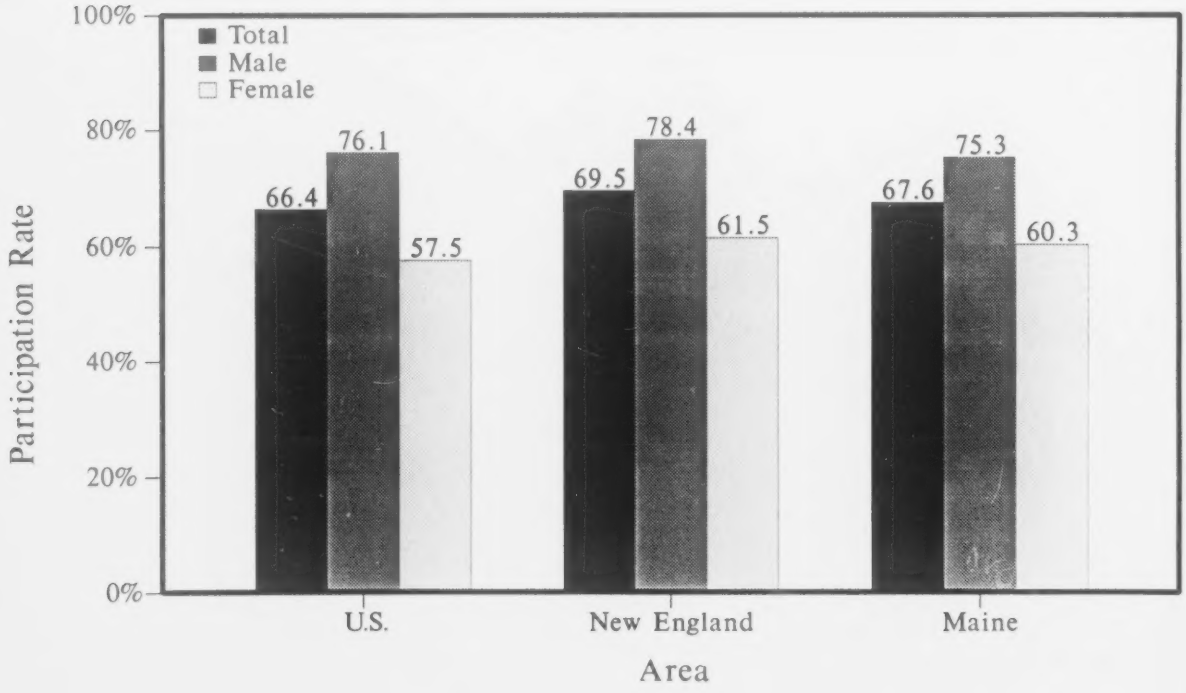


Civilian Labor Force Participation Rates by Gender, Annual Averages, 1990



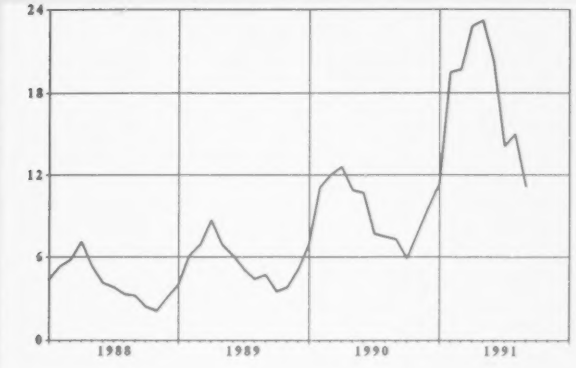
Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)

Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1988	1989	1990
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$438.69	$440.74	$416.16	40.1	38.9	39.9	$10.94	$11.33	$10.43	$9.31	$9.89	$10.58
Durable Goods	428.40	425.20	401.58	40.8	40.0	39.8	10.50	10.63	10.09	9.00	9.59	10.20
Lumber and Wood Products	381.91	379.43	380.38	42.2	42.3	41.8	9.05	8.97	9.10	8.60	8.85	9.10
Primary and Fabricated Metals	420.43	411.87	430.14	41.3	40.3	43.1	10.18	10.22	9.98	8.79	9.31	9.98
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	542.12	580.48	477.02	43.3	46.7	39.1	12.52	12.43	12.20	9.49	11.03	11.63
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	357.29	342.08	343.28	36.2	34.8	35.1	9.87	9.83	9.78	8.51	9.02	9.69
Transportation Equipment	502.66	494.21	449.35	40.9	38.4	40.3	12.29	12.87	11.15	9.82	10.80	11.68
Other Durable Goods	362.10	357.43	337.40	42.6	42.2	40.7	8.50	8.47	8.29	7.43	7.80	8.11
Nondurable Goods	447.08	453.72	427.33	39.6	38.0	39.9	11.29	11.94	10.71	9.60	10.16	10.93
Food and Kindred Products	316.95	319.16	308.89	38.7	35.7	37.9	8.19	8.94	8.15	7.30	8.01	8.56
Textile Mill Products	358.35	329.67	367.04	40.4	37.0	41.9	8.87	8.91	8.76	7.66	8.22	8.82
Apparel and Other Textile Products	258.47	261.00	285.61	35.7	36.0	38.7	7.24	7.25	7.38	6.43	7.04	7.38
Paper and Allied Products	679.25	683.09	653.60	41.8	40.3	43.0	16.25	16.95	15.20	13.93	14.51	15.16
Leather and Leather Products	294.90	295.26	260.19	38.2	37.0	35.4	7.72	7.98	7.35	6.59	6.92	7.44
Other Nondurable Goods	377.42	362.48	395.04	38.2	36.8	40.6	9.88	9.85	9.73	8.62	9.10	9.62
PORTLAND MSA												
Manufacturing	359.58	376.01	396.64	38.0	36.4	37.0	10.41	10.33	10.72	9.58	10.53	10.63
LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA												
Manufacturing	366.02	372.78	367.35	40.4	39.7	39.5	9.06	9.39	9.30	8.08	8.50	9.26

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM[1/]	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force	298.5	308.1	300.2
Unemployment	12.4	14.9	13.5
(Percent)	4.1%	4.8%	4.5%
Resident Employed	286.1	293.2	286.7

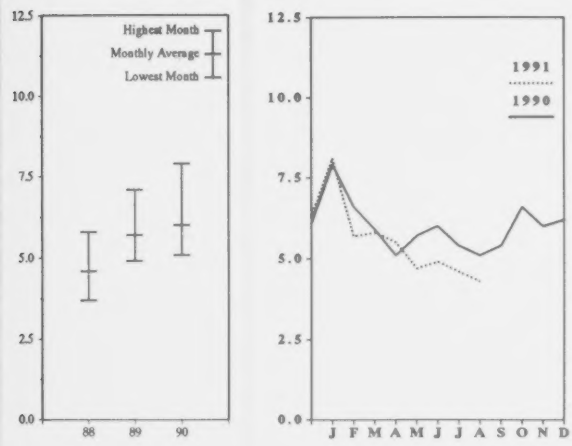
U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U)	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
	136.6	136.2	131.6	133.8

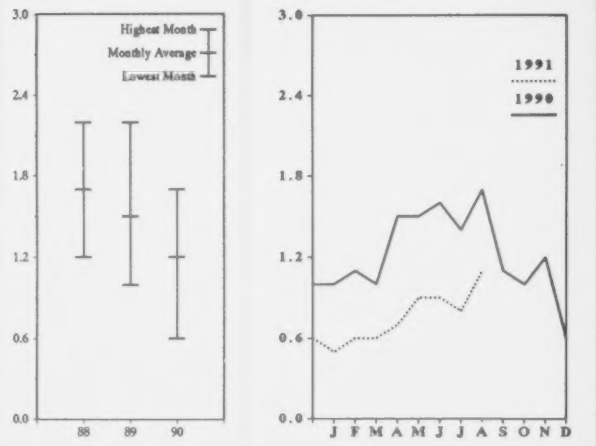
Percent Change for Past Month	+0.3%
Percent Change from Last December	+2.1%
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+3.8%

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

New Applications For Work
In Thousands



Nonfarm Placements
In Thousands
(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/	520.0	517.3	546.1	125.6	124.8	131.1	37.2	36.5	39.4
Goods Producing	123.5	120.5	136.2	22.0	21.7	24.1	10.0	9.4	11.1
Construction and Mining	26.4	25.9	30.6	5.7	5.6	7.0	1.8	1.8	2.1
Building Construction	8.2	8.2	9.5	1.1	1.1	1.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Special Trade Contractors	13.9	13.4	15.7	4.0	3.9	4.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	97.1	94.6	105.6	16.3	16.1	17.1	8.2	7.6	9.0
Durable Goods	43.2	43.1	48.2	7.3	7.2	8.3	2.2	2.2	2.4
Lumber and Wood Products	10.5	10.5	11.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.1	3.0	3.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Industrial Machinery and Equipment	4.3	4.3	4.7	1.5	1.5	1.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	7.5	7.4	8.2	2.6	2.6	2.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transportation Equipment	13.4	13.6	15.5	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Durable Goods 2/	4.4	4.3	4.7	3.2	3.1	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nondurable Goods	53.9	51.5	57.4	9.0	8.9	8.8	6.0	5.4	6.6
Food and Kindred Products	7.7	6.7	8.9	2.2	2.3	2.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
Textile Mill Products	5.5	5.3	5.7	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Apparel and Other Textile Products	2.7	2.5	3.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Paper and Allied Products	17.8	18.2	17.8	(d)	(d)	(d)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Printing and Publishing	5.3	5.2	5.8	1.5	1.4	1.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	3.3	3.4	3.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.1	1.1	1.6
Leather and Leather Products	10.1	8.7	11.0	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.8
Footwear (except Rubber)	8.3	7.2	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	1.5	1.5	1.5	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.0	2.8	3.2
Service Producing	396.5	396.8	409.9	103.6	103.1	107.0	27.2	27.1	28.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	22.5	22.5	22.5	7.3	7.3	6.6	1.3	1.3	1.4
Wholesale Trade	24.0	24.2	25.6	9.1	9.2	9.6	2.2	2.1	2.3
Retail Trade	109.3	108.6	116.4	27.9	27.4	30.1	7.7	7.6	8.1
Food Stores	19.3	19.2	20.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Eating and Drinking Places	38.4	38.5	40.9	8.7	8.8	9.3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	25.4	25.5	25.3	12.6	12.5	12.2	2.2	2.2	2.3
Banking	10.1	10.2	10.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents	10.9	10.9	10.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Services	134.1	134.3	136.2	33.4	33.1	35.0	10.2	10.2	10.5
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	13.8	13.4	15.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Business Services	15.1	15.2	14.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Health Services	45.6	45.5	45.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Federal Government	17.8	17.8	19.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.3
State and Local Government 4/	63.4	63.9	64.9	11.4	11.7	11.6	3.3	3.4	3.4
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month	LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago	RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month	RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month	UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago
MAINE-STATEWIDE(000)	651.0	662.1	649.7	611.1	614.2	621.2	39.9	47.9	28.5	6.1	7.2	4.4
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor MSA	45,900	47,200	44,800	43,500	44,400	43,100	2,400	2,700	1,600	5.3	5.8	3.6
Lewiston-Auburn MSA	41,900	42,700	42,100	38,000	38,000	39,300	3,900	4,800	2,800	9.4	11.2	6.6
Portland MSA	134,200	135,800	134,400	127,800	128,700	129,700	6,300	7,100	4,800	4.7	5.2	3.5
Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA	n/a	146,600	146,300	n/a	138,500	139,400	n/a	8,100	6,900	n/a	5.5	4.7
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	37,460	39,110	37,190	35,310	36,640	35,770	2,150	2,470	1,420	5.7	6.3	3.8
Bath-Brunswick	30,460	31,680	31,360	29,110	30,080	30,420	1,340	1,610	940	4.4	5.1	3.0
Belfast	13,120	13,750	12,750	12,010	12,380	11,940	1,110	1,380	820	8.5	10.0	6.4
Biddeford	28,080	29,080	30,370	26,180	26,710	28,980	1,900	2,360	1,390	6.8	8.1	4.6
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	19,210	19,960	19,420	18,650	19,340	19,060	560	630	360	2.9	3.1	1.8
Calais-Eastport	18,040	15,870	16,270	16,820	14,470	15,320	1,230	1,400	950	6.8	8.8	5.8
Caribou-Presque Isle	23,600	23,880	21,850	21,230	21,520	20,540	2,370	2,350	1,310	10.1	9.9	6.0
Central Penobscot	3,320	3,470	3,030	3,070	3,120	2,870	250	350	160	7.5	10.1	5.1
Dover-Foxcroft	7,380	7,520	7,010	6,740	6,720	6,580	640	810	430	8.6	10.7	6.1
Ellsworth	32,890	31,240	33,760	31,820	30,000	32,900	1,070	1,240	860	3.2	4.0	2.5
Farmington	13,150	14,160	13,470	12,080	12,680	12,780	1,070	1,480	690	8.2	10.4	5.2
Fort Kent-Allagash	5,730	5,840	5,520	5,160	5,330	5,230	560	510	290	9.8	8.8	5.3
Greenville	1,570	1,590	1,560	1,500	1,510	1,490	70	80	70	4.5	5.2	4.4
Houlton	6,910	6,960	6,820	6,460	6,410	6,440	450	550	380	6.5	7.9	5.6
Kittery-York 3/	29,770	30,260	30,970	29,090	29,300	30,210	680	960	760	2.3	3.2	2.4
Lincoln-Howland	5,560	5,660	5,480	5,040	5,050	5,180	520	620	310	9.3	10.9	5.6
Livermore Falls	5,410	5,540	5,060	4,920	4,950	4,640	490	590	420	9.1	10.7	8.3
Madawaska-Van Buren	4,270	4,400	4,220	3,940	4,050	3,930	330	360	290	7.7	8.2	6.8
Millinocket-East Millinocket	4,330	4,510	4,330	3,980	4,120	4,100	360	400	240	8.2	8.8	5.5
Norway-Paris	12,340	12,950	12,620	11,280	11,560	11,680	1,060	1,380	940	8.6	10.7	7.5
Patten-Island Falls	2,600	2,720	2,440	2,380	2,440	2,310	220	280	140	8.4	10.2	5.5
Rockland	20,880	20,990	20,330	19,900	19,890	19,580	980	1,090	750	4.7	5.2	3.7
Rumford	8,950	9,090	9,050	8,170	8,140	8,320	780	950	730	8.7	10.5	8.1
Sanford	16,940	17,580	16,870	15,580	15,900	15,870	1,360	1,680	1,000	8.0	9.6	6.0
Sebago Lakes Region	15,130	15,360	15,050	14,290	14,270	14,360	840	1,080	690	5.6	7.1	4.6
Skowhegan	24,830	25,000	24,760	22,710	21,970	23,450	2,120	3,020	1,310	8.6	12.1	5.3
Southwest Penobscot	11,190	11,890	11,220	10,070	10,150	10,510	1,120	1,740	710	10.0	14.7	6.4
Waterville	25,830	26,360	25,640	24,280	24,420	24,620	1,550	1,940	1,010	6.0	7.4	4.0
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)												
Connecticut	n/a	1,818.3	1,802.1	n/a	1,694.8	1,710.2	n/a	123.5	92.0	n/a	6.8	5.1
Massachusetts	3,109.0	3,161.0	3,238.0	2,834.0	2,864.0	3,030.8	275.0	297.0	207.2	8.8	9.4	6.4
New Hampshire	n/a	650.9	641.6	n/a	606.3	605.6	n/a	44.6	36.0	n/a	6.9	5.6
Rhode Island	515.4	514.2	518.7	471.8	471.7	485.5	43.6	42.5	33.3	8.5	8.3	6.4
Vermont	308.8	311.2	309.3	292.8	290.9	295.1	16.0	20.3	14.2	5.2	6.5	4.6
NEW ENGLAND STATES (000)	n/a	7,117.7	7,159.4	n/a	6,541.9	6,748.4	n/a	575.8	411.2	n/a	8.1	5.7
UNITED STATES (000)	126,097	127,327	126,012	117,859	118,751	119,174	8,237	8,576	6,837	6.5	6.7	5.4

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

Source: These data are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND MSA This Month	PORTLAND MSA Last Month	PORTLAND MSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago
Number of continued-week claimants*	14,896	19,392	10,571	2,519	3,020	1,892	1,602	2,132	1,116

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

Major Changes In Child Labor Laws Effective October 9, 1991

Major changes in Maine's child labor laws that will tie student work permits to school performance, increase the minimum wage for students, limit work hours, and boost penalties for some violations will become effective October 9, 1991.

Labor Commissioner Morrison said: "These new provisions are the most significant changes to occur in our child labor laws in decades. We strengthened school superintendents' authority to issue and revoke work permits, and placed reasonable limits on the hours students may work. We now have a much better balance between the worlds of work and school for our students."

Education Commissioner Bither commented on how the child labor law changes will help support the "Maine 2000" education initiative.

"If Maine is to achieve a 90 percent graduation rate and improve the academic performance of all students, we must ensure that education, not part-time work, is the priority for our youth," she said.

Under the new child labor laws, superintendents will have more authority over the issuance of work permits for minors under age 16. When school is in session, work permits will only be issued to minors enrolled in school, not habitually truant or under suspension, and passing a majority of courses. Minors under age 16 will be limited to 18 hours of work per week, and no more than 3 hours per day.

Students from 16 to 18 years old will be allowed to work up to 20 hours per week, but not more than 4 hours per day when school is in session.

Higher limits will apply for all ages during vacations. Those under 16 will be allowed to work up to 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week, while up to 48 hours per week will be permitted for those 16 to 18 years old.

Students will be paid at least $3.61 per hour, or 85 percent of the state minimum wage.

Violations of child labor laws will be subject to penalties of $250 to $50,000, depending upon the number and severity of offenses. The new law also allows for civil lawsuits in cases where illegally employed minors are injured on the job.

The changes reflect a growing commitment by business, education and government to address the truancy and dropout issue, as well as promote a well-educated work force. *For more information contact the Bureau of Labor Standards at (207) 624-6410.*

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